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The above-identified application has been forwarded to the undersigned for correction of the patent term extension information printed on the front page of the patent. In a telephone call with Jeffrey Hohenshell on April 27, 2007, it was confirmed that the Office would request a certificate of correction to correct the patent term extension information printed on the face of the patent. See 35 U.S.C. § 154(b)¹ and 37 C.F.R. § 1.701.

The Notice of Allowance and Issue Fee Due mailed on May 17, 2005, correctly indicated that the patent to issue from Application No. 06/316,203 was not eligible for a patent term extension, as the application was filed before June 8, 1995. The front page of the patent incorrectly indicates that the term of the patent is extended for 1109 days. Since the filing date was before June 8, 1995, the patent to issue from the application is eligible only for a 17-year term, which does not permit a patent term extension.

After mailing of this letter, the Office will issue a certificate of correction in order to rectify the error regarding the patent term extension information. See 35 U.S.C. 254 and 37 CFR 1.322. The Office will issue a certificate of correction deleting the patent term extension information.

Telephone inquiries with regard to this communication should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-7709.

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¹35 U.S.C. § 154 was amended by the "American Inventors Protection Act of 1999," which was enacted on November 29, 1999 as part of Public Law 106-113 (Consolidated Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2000). Since this amendment is effective May 29, 2000 and applies to applications filed on or after that date, the existing patent term adjustment provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 154 continue to apply to the above-identified application.

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CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION

PATENT : 7,018,407
DATED : March 28, 2006
INVENTOR(S) : Wright et al.

It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

On the title page,

[*] delete "Subject to any disclaimer, the term of this patent is extended or adjusted under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) by 1109 days."